

Intergalactic Conference

the Association of Autonomous Astronauts
at the Link Project, via Fioravanti 14,
40121 Bologna, planet earth
18-19 april 1998

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The days of this society are numbered. Its reasons and its merits have been weighed in the balance and found wanting; its inhabitants are divided into two parties, one of which wants to build their own spaceships and leave this society behind.

The Intergalactic Conference organised by the Association of Autonomous Astronauts in Bologna, earth, April 18-19 1998, will explore the new possibilities that open up when we form autonomous communities in outer space.

The Association of Autonomous Astronauts (AAA) was launched on April 23rd 1995 as the world's first independent and community-based space program. A Five Year Plan was also established for creating, by the year 2000, a world-wide network of local, community-based AAA groups dedicated to building their own spaceships.

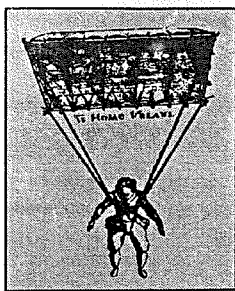
This conference will bring together AAA delegates from around the world to present reports from the world-wide network of AAA groups. The conference will initiate a new phase of CONSOLIDATION for the AAA, during which Autonomous Astronauts will examine the achievements that they have made so far and prepare for the final stage of the Five Year Plan.

The AAA is at the cutting edge of a struggle around how space exploration technology is used and who has access to it.

The AAA is the most exciting counter cultural development to emerge in the last few years and the AAA's space program includes: raves in space, sharp critiques of NASA, re-designs of the space suit, sex in zero gravity and games of three-sided football.

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How to get to the Link:

by bus:

bus n.17 get off at via Carracci corner with via Fioravanti

bus n.11,21,27,30,35 get off at via Matteotti corner via Tiarini

by car:

from the motorway take the ring(tangenziale) and exit n.5(Lame). Follow via Marco Polo, direction centre of town. After 2 kms turn left into via Carracci, left again at the junction with via Fioravanti

on foot:

if coming from the centre of town get to the train station and take the under passage to via Carracci. Beware it's open until midnight

Of course there won't be any problem at sleeping at Link, but it will be quite rough.

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